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Panhandle total: 1236, Active: 274, Recovered: 951, Deaths: 11

Unified Command confirms 131 more cases of COVID in the Panhandle since last reporting on Monday, October 15. The investigations are underway, all close contacts will be quarantined and actively monitored for symptoms by public health officials.

Children 19 and under: 18		
County	Cases	Exposure Type
Box Butte	2	Close Contact
Box Butte	2	Community Spread
Box Butte	1	Unknown
Cheyenne	2	Community Spread
Dawes	1	Community Spread
Dawes	1	Unknown
Kimball	1	Close Contact
Scotts Bluff	2	Close Contact
Scotts Bluff	2	Community Spread
Sheridan	1	Close Contact
Sheridan	1	Community Spread
Sheridan	1	Unknown
Sioux	1	Close Contact

Adults: 113		
County	Cases	Exposure Type
Banner	1	Close Contact
Box Butte	6	Close Contact
Box Butte	5	Community Spread
Box Butte	3	Unknown
Cheyenne	5	Close Contact
Cheyenne	4	Community Spread
Cheyenne	1	Unknown
Dawes	5	Close Contact

Dawes	3	Community Spread
Dawes	2	Unknown
Deuel	1	Community Spread
Deuel	1	Unknown
Garden	1	Unknown
Kimball	3	Close Contact
Kimball	2	Community Spread
Morrill	1	Close Contact
Morrill	7	Community Spread
Morrill	1	Unknown
Scotts Bluff	20	Close Contact
Scotts Bluff	18	Community Spread
Scotts Bluff	9	Unknown
Sheridan	2	Close Contact
Sheridan	8	Community Spread
Sheridan	3	Unknown
Sioux	1	Close Contact

Unified Command confirms 41 more recoveries in the Panhandle.

Recovered: 41	
County	Total
Box Butte	8
Cheyenne	3
Dawes	12
Grant	1
Kimball	2
Scotts Bluff	8
Sheridan	6
Sioux	1

Testing information and access for the Panhandle area:

- You can sign up for the following free testing at [Testnebraska.com](https://www.testnebraska.com) or 402-207-9377:
 - Box Butte General Hospital in **Alliance**: Monday-Friday, 9-10am
 - Ambulance Bay on the east side of the emergency department, watch for the green arrows
 - **Chadron** Community Hospital: Mondays & Fridays, 7-9am
 - Collections are at 821 Morehead Street (Old Hospital ER Entrance next to Wilson Park)
 - **Other testing opportunities for symptomatic patients may be available through the hospital as ordered by your Primary Care Practitioner, call the hospital at 747-2466 with questions.**

- **Gordon** Memorial Hospital: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 2-4pm
- Regional West Health Services in **Scottsbluff**: Mondays & Fridays, Noon-4pm; Wednesdays, 2-6pm
- **Sidney** Regional Medical Center: Tuesdays & Thursday, 7-9am
- Community Action Health Center in **Gering**: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays, 7-8am
 - Testing is free, sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/ydxdx5mc>
- Alliance Community Pharmacy in **Alliance**: Monday-Friday, 7:30am-6pm; Saturday-Sunday, 9am-5pm
 - For people experiencing symptoms, same day results. Call 308-629-1045 for appointment, fee is \$105.
- Morrill County Community Hospital in **Bridgeport**: Daily
 - Call 308-262-1616 for testing, same day results, insurance can be billed.
- Contact your local hospital or clinic for information on testing access.

March 2-October 15, 2020

- **Total Tests Conducted: 16,991**
- **Positive: 1,236**
- **Cumulative Positivity Rate: 7.1%**
- **Recovered: 951**
- **Active Cases: 274**
- **Deaths: 11**
- **Active Hospitalizations: 20**
- **Total Cumulative Hospitalizations: 111**

Panhandle Public Health District, Region 21, 22, and 23 Emergency Management, and Scotts Bluff County Health Department are working as a unified command on this evolving situation. Essential updates will be regularly communicated to the public and community partners.

For the most up to date information from the CDC, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

Panhandle Public Health District is working together to improve the health, safety, and quality of life for all who live, learn, work, and play in the Panhandle. Our vision is that we are a healthier and safer Panhandle Community. Visit our website www.pphd.org.